



2013 Formula AmeriCorps State Technical Assistance FAQ

This FAQ contains information pertaining to the 2013 Montana AmeriCorps Formula Request for Proposal (RFP) process. AmeriCorps State Grants are funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) through the Montana Governor's Office of Community Service (OCS).

Technical assistance will be available to applicants from March 27 to May 1, 2013. Questions should be submitted via email to serve@mt.gov. All questions and answers will be posted publically in the FAQ document on the ServeMontana website at http://serve.mt.gov/funding/. Questions will be dated with the most recent added to the top. It is highly recommended that applicants read through all materials including the FAQ, application instructions, performance measure instructions, and full Notice of Funding.

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Question: In the previous grant year our program was awarded additional slots through supplemental formula funding. In our continuation application we wish to maintain the number of slots we were originally awarded plus the slots we received through supplemental funding. Is requesting slots previously awarded through supplemental funds considered an expansion request?

Answer: Yes. Suppose a program that was awarded 10 formula slots with an additional award of 3 slots contingent of supplemental funding applies. When submitting their continuation request this program should consider 10 slots their original award. Any request above those ten slots should be treated as an expansion request.

April 3, 2013

Question: What is the expectation for formula programs to conduct an evaluation? **Answer:** The CNCS expectations for formula programs regarding evaluation are outlined on page 13 of the <u>application instructions</u>. For a formula program that has completed three years of funding an evaluation plan, summary, or evaluation report is required when submitting a recompete application.

March 27, 2013

Question: Where can I find help with performance measures?

Answer: CNCS has a number of new resources this year, for more information please visit:

http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/npm/home http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/npm/ac

http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/npm/training-resources#overview